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24-HOUR REPORT

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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Jose – Police Standoff That Shut Down Hwy 101 Comes to an End

(U) A police standoff with a reportedly despondent man on US Highway 101 shut down the freeway at Alum Rock Avenue in San Jose in both directions for hours until the man fled that scene and was eventually detained. The incident began around 12:30 pm when police responded to a man who threatened to fire an airsoft gun at passing vehicles on US Highway 101. After speaking with police for about an hour, the suspect fled in his car and a pursuit ensued. The suspect eventually stopped and turned himself in after a lengthy chase which spilled onto city streets.

SOURCE: 16 August 2020, [Fox 2 KTVU](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Mexican Soldiers Kill 9 Alleged Gunmen at Texas Border

(U) Ciudad Victoria – Officials say Mexican soldiers killed nine alleged gunmen Sunday morning in Miguel Aleman, across the Rio Grande from Roma, Texas. The alleged aggressors were wearing military-like uniforms. Soldiers came under fire from gunmen in the brush while on patrol. It was not immediately clear which criminal group the gunmen belonged to. The area has been the scene of clashes between the Northeast cartel – a splinter of the Zetas, the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, and the Gulf cartel, which has long controlled illicit traffic on that end of the border.

SOURCE: 17 August 2020, [CBS DFW](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Interagency Advisory on Unmanned Aircraft Systems Issued

(U) Washington DC – The Department of Justice, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Communications Commission issued an advisory guidance document to help non-federal public and private entities understand the federal laws and regulations that may apply to the use of capabilities to detect and mitigate threats posed by Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations. The Advisory has been issued at a time when the commercial demand for UAS detection and mitigation is high, but the authority to use those capabilities is far from clear.

SOURCE: 17 August 2020, [DOJ Press Release](#)

(U) Hawaii – Former CIA Officer Arrested and Charged with Espionage

(U) Honolulu – Federal prosecutors accused Alexander Yuk Ching Ma, a former CIA officer, of selling sensitive defense secrets to the Chinese government over a decade. Ma allegedly handed over information about the CIA's personnel and tradecraft to Chinese intelligence and was given tens-of-thousands of dollars in return. Ma, a naturalized US citizen born in Hong Kong, told an undercover FBI agent posing as a Chinese intelligence officer earlier this month that he wanted "the motherland" to succeed, according to court documents.

SOURCE: 18 August 2020, [CNN](#)

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Somalia – Over a Dozen Killed in Hours-Long Hotel Siege

(U) Mogadishu – At least 16 people were killed and dozens wounded in a gun and bomb attack by the al-Shabab armed group on an upscale beachfront hotel in Somalia's capital. The attack started in the afternoon with a powerful car bomb blast that blew off the security gates to the hotel. Then, gunmen ran inside and took hostages, mostly young men and women who were dining there. The hotel siege ended on Sunday after a fierce three-hour gun battle between al-Shabab fighters and security forces. The death toll includes 11 victims and five assailants. Ambulance services reported transporting at least 43 wounded to hospitals in the area.

SOURCE: 17 August 2020, [Al Jazeera](#)

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